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**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
9 February 1994**

The 304th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:30 PM in Room W714. 1
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Presiding: Kenneth S. Sherrill, Chair 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I. 4
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Provost Struminger moved to change the Agenda by adding an item under Administrative Committee Report, i.e. a change in the bell schedule. 6
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The motion carried by hand vote and the agenda was adopted as amended. 8

Minutes: The Minutes of December 8th and December 15th were approved as distributed. 9

Report by the President: President Blank answered questions from the floor. She then reported on a number of issues. The following is a summary statement of the report. She said: 10
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Re: Budget: "The 1994-1995 Executive Budget has been released, and the good news is that no tuition increases are recommended. The Governor is recommending a 4% increase, that is \$37.2M, in the senior college operating budget. However, almost all of this is absorbed by mandated bargaining increases. Although it is too early to know what the impact will be on Hunter since the University is several weeks away from making its initial budget allocations to the colleges, at the least we can expect another year of steady allocations. Hopefully, allocations will be richer. The Capital Budget recommends \$500,000 to Hunter for the design of classroom and office space in the North Building. This should allow us to plan the completion of renovation for the 4th and 5th floors, and perhaps of some others. That is certainly good news. We have also been informed by the University that we are scheduled for the facilities master plan to begin this fall semester. That is very good news. We are now in the thirty-day amendment period of the State budget process that actually ends on the 18th of this month. This is the time that agencies can request changes in the budget resulting from errors, miscalculations, and the like. I might tell you that what is considered an error or miscalculation is a matter of flexible interpretation. We are in that period now, and we have made at least one such request that is being supported by the University. We believe that a serious error was made in the Capital Budget in not providing over \$2M in construction funds for roof replacement at the Brookdale and Vorhees campuses. That was our first priority for 1994-95, and it also ranked high on the University list. I have the happy news to tell you that I learned yesterday in a very informal way that we managed to get this request into the Executive Budget. That is very good. It does not yet produce real dollars because the Executive Budget must now go through the legislative process. That's as much as I have to say about the budget. I hope there are no questions, but if there are, we have Barry with us. 12
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Re: Faculty Lounge: You now have a Faculty/Staff Lounge, which I hope you will use, because I know that Barry, Sylvia, and many others went to a lot of trouble to produce it. Room 802 West, which joins the Faculty-Staff Dining Room, is now a place for a cup of coffee and relaxation between the hours of two and six Monday through Friday. So, take advantage of it, and go in and drink coffee. 41
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Re: North Building Elevators: This last Monday there was a construction kickoff meeting for the rehabilitation of the North Building elevators. We do not expect any heavy construction until May, but we have been told that the project is scheduled to be completed eighteen months from kickoff, and this would mean sometime in the late summer of 1995. As soon as we have details scheduled, they will be posted and distributed. 47
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Re: Security Initiative: There are going to be, and you may notice them soon, security officers at the College, who are going to be wearing a somewhat different uniform. This all stems from a university-wide happening called the Security Initiative. We are to receive 10 level-one security officers who are joining our staff as of now. Later in the semester there will be another 10 level-one officers, and there will be 5 level-two officers. That will put us at 25 all together in the near future. These officers will replace contract guards and college assistants who had previously been employed by the College. They will continue to be supervised by the Director of Campus and Security, Mr. Desmond Eaton, who reports to the Vice President for Administration. The officers who graduated from a security training program at John Jay College were screened and selected by the College. The officers will dress in a more traditional uniform, and we are discussing with the University a softer look involving blazers. At Hunter they will not carry guns, nightsticks, or handcuffs. I hope that you will take the opportunity to welcome these members of our staff, and continue to work cooperatively with them and other officers." 53-69

In response to a question from the floor President Blank said: "I just want to say a word in favor of security guards. It would not have been my first priority when we have other needs. But we are going to have security guards. I will say that you have to recognize that our campus is open to many people that are not internal people, that are visitors who walk in off the street, or come to meetings, or whatever. They usually come in through the West Building. I will say that to have somebody in that position who is clearly visible with some kind of dignified looking outfit is helpful, and that person should have some information about the College and should know, for example, where the president's office is. So, I would say that we can get some usefulness out of this, and we should be cooperative and get out of it what is helpful to us. These people can become real allies. The point is that we did not have an option. We are going to have security people here because it is a universitywide initiative. That is a fact, and there is no way around that one. I am suggesting that there is a silver lining. The upside of it is that the security officers will be visible and that could be helpful. To the degree that all of us try to set the tone, we will set it, but we are all responsible. All relationships are a two-way street, and we will all have to work on this together." 70-88

I will close with one last remark. I for one thought that Commencement was a joy, and that Sylvia deserves a lot of credit for having somehow produced it. 89-91

I also want to thank many of you for all sorts of individual efforts that I get to hear about. I try to respond individually, and you will hear from me because I really am mindful and appreciative of all the things I get to hear about. 92-95

One last thing. I get to hear about good teaching. You think that isn't noticed. The thing I heard most about during my last visit at the cafeteria from the few students who were sitting there, was about the wonderful teachers, and I got names. Believe me, I did not solicit any, and I did not ask for a list. But without urging the students were frank to tell me who these great teachers are, and they are in different departments. All around this town there are favorite teachers and they are the ones the students respond to." 96-103

Report by the Administrative Committee: Professor Sherrill presented the report as follows: 104

Additional nominations for vacant student seats on the Senate 105
He presented the following nominations for vacant seats for students: 106

Gary Braglia (Russian) Day 107
Yvonne Zaharakis (Honors/Psychology) Day 108
Hopeton Smalling (Media/Comm) Day 109

It was moved that the slate be approved as presented. The motion carried by hand vote. 110-111

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes, as listed in the Report dated 9 February 1994, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Item UR-903 and GR-377 (Curriculum & Teaching).

Change in Bell Schedule

Associate Provost David Lavalley presented the proposal for a change in the evening bell schedule, which had been approved at yesterday's FP&B meeting. He explained that the proposed change is in response to a large number of requests not to hold classes at Julia Richmond High School. If approved by the Senate at this meeting the following revised bell schedule would go into effect for Fall 1994:

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	
	4:10-5:00		4:10-5:00	4:10-5:00		122
or	4:05-5:20		4:05-5:20			124
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	5:25-6:40	5:25-6:40	5:25-6:40	5:25-6:40		126
	6:50-8:05	6:50-8:05	6:50-8:05	6:50-8:05	5:40-8:40	127
	8:15-9:30	8:15-9:30	8:15-9:30	8:15-9:30		129

It was moved that the revised bell schedule be approved.

After discussion the question was called and carried.

The motion carried by hand vote.

Professor Matthews moved that the agenda be changed to allow 10 minutes for consideration of the Report by the Graduate Course of Study Committee.

The motion carried by hand vote.

Graduate Course of Study Committee

Professor Jane Matthews, Chair of the Committee, presented the following revised regulation concerning the admission of undergraduate students to graduate courses for Senate approval (new wording is underlined):

RESOLVED, in order to facilitate curriculum structure at the interface between undergraduate and graduate education, it is proposed that admission to graduate courses on the part of undergraduate students be made on grounds of individual qualifications without disbarment on grounds of membership in any particular group or class. Approval is required from the student's home department or program and the department or program offering the course if different from the student's home department or program.

After brief discussion the question was called and carried.

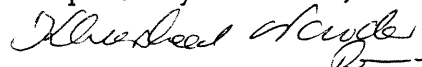
The resolution was approved by hand vote.

The next item on the floor was a report by Professor Al Bennick, who served on the University Faculty Senate's Select Committee for Budget Analysis. He explained in detail the Committee's work over the past several months and their analysis that indicates that no discretionary funds were used to implement the Cole memorandum or to reward or punish colleges on the basis of their responses to the Goldstein Report.

Because of the late hour Professor Bennick agreed to continue his report at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Khurshed Navder
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills:	Trudith Smoke Phyllis Rubenfeld Jo-Ann Morgan Nambi Krishnamachari Verna Segarra Willie Wimberly Hector Martinez "E" Barbara Stanelly "E"	Romance Languages:	Marithelma Costa Maria Paynter Giuseppe Di Scipio "E"
Anthropology:	William Parry	Social Work:	Jayne Silberman George Getzel
Art:	Joel Carreiro Juan Sanchez Emily Braun	Sociology:	Terry Arendell Martin Warmbrand
Chemistry:	David Mootoo	Special Education:	Marsha Lupi
Communications:	Fulton Ross "E"	Student Services:	Howard Tarragon
Computer Science:	Thomas Wesselkamper	Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp
Curriculum & Teaching:	Alene Smith Anthony Picciano	Dean Evelyn Gioiella Dean Erwin Fleissner Dean Hugh Scott Dean Everlena Holmes "E"	
Economics:	Howard Chernick Avi Liveson Terence Agbeyegbe Nashwa George	STUDENTS:	
Educational Foundations:	Joan Buxbaum Mario Kelly Simi Linton Caroline Adkins	Rita Sabini Yorel Francis Jeanette Surita Chris Goeken Sarah Parrales Lenina Nadal Cevita Webb Christina Molinari Lucrece Francois Timothy Lee John Pastor Antonio Lopez Stacey Bell Wayne Wilson Jessica Indri Edilberto Soriano Rebecca Perez "E" Susanah Taylor Christopher McGovern Danielle Fox "E" Erica Petersen Julide Gokcebay Ana Ramirez "E" Charles Beatty Jean Lemaitre Simon Kamara Marc Quick Bryan Evans Patricia Laporte Mahmoud Mansur Hema Sareen Moriah Eskow "E" Josiah Klebaner Debbi Sutton Melissa Uber Armin Patel Henry Sirotin Heather St. Bernard "E" David Asencio Angela Brisnovali	
English:	Allan Brick Karen Greenberg "E" Floyd Horowitz		
Geology & Geography:	Richard Liebling		
German:	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius		
Health & Phys Ed:	Nana Koch "E"		
Health Sciences:	Beth Richie		
History:	Bernadette McCauley "E"		
Library:	Polly Thistlethwaite Steve Kowalik		
Mathematical Sciences:	Daniel Chess Sandra Clarkson Norma Moy		
Music:	James Harrison		
Nursing:	Eleen Lahey "E" Nancy Jones		
Political Science:	Rosalind Petchesky		
Psychology:	Gerald Turkewitz "E"		